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PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY—FORENOON SESSION.

The officers and delegates composing the Convention assembled in the Baptist Church at Tarboro, N. C., at 10 o'clock A. M.

The President called the Convention to order and requested Rev. M. C. Ransom, of Franklinton, to conduct the devotional exercises.

The Sabbath School choir sang from page 36, (Gospel Hymns,) "I heard the Savior say," &c. Bro. Ransom continued by reading cvii Psalm and leading in prayer. Sang hymn 5th, "I need thee every hour," &c.

The Superintendent of the School, Bro. Geo. C. Caine, at this stage of the proceedings, arose and in a brief but neat and pleasant little speech welcomed the Convention to Tarboro—to their church, to their homes and hospitalities.

The President ably responded in behalf of the Convention to the heart-felt welcome.

The Secretary read the Constitution and Rules of Order of the Convention.

The following named persons composed the officers and delegates of the Convention:

1. N. F. Roberts,
2. A. B. Williams,
3. E. E. Smith,
4. C. Johnson,
5. W. H. Peace,
6. E. H. Lipscombe,
7. J. H. Young,
8. J. A. Whitted,
9. G. C. Caine,
10. M. G. Pitman,
11. W. H. Harrison,
12. Miss C. C. Clark,
13. J. H. Reynolds,
14. F. H. Wilkins,
15. S. M. Jones,
16. M. C. Ransom,
17. I. J. Powell,
18. H. E. Davis,
19. P. R. Turner,
20. A. W. Crenshaw,
21. Miss A S Conigland,
22. Miss A. P. Phillips,
23. Edward Malone,
24. S. P. Humphrey,
25. C. Forbes,
26. Henry Drake,
27. T. J. DeBerry,
28. D. D. Harrell,
29. W. B. Wilkerson,
30. Gidd Lea,
31. H. H. Hines,
32. B. B. Steptoe,
33. I. E. Thomas,
34. E. Perry,
35. Joe. Scott,
36. W. R. Tharpe,
37. C. W. Battle,
38. W. R. Harrison,
39. Miss Minerva Lewis,
40. Miss M. A. Jones,
41. Geo. E. Foeman,
42. Shepard Whitted,
43. Whit. Anthy,
44. F. C. Clark,
45. T. J. Hicks,
46. T. S. Evans,
47. C. C. Baker,
48. Thos. Grey,
49. R. H. Wimberly,
50. J. Perry,
51. P. Dunston,
52. J. T. Reynolds,
53. B. C. Carr,
54. C. Alston,
55. L. R. Sherine,
56. A. J. Jones,
57. S. Hill,
58. Miss L. A. Wilkins,
59. R. A. Solomon,
60. P. P. Alston,
61. J. S. Lea,
62. W. R. Mason,
63. W. W. Watson,
64. A. P. Tillery,
65. G. Young,
66. J. Stancil,
67. S. Spivey,
68. A. P. Eaton,
69. G. W. Moore,
70. G. A. Norwood,
71. N. S. Martin,
72. A. J. Walker,

73. G. L. Buffaloe,
74. G. W. Buffaloe,
75. G. J. Scott,
76. T. W. Hardy,
77. J. A. Pitman,
78. W. H. Haithcock,
79. H. C. Grey,
80. G. S. Stamper,
81. J. T. Gray,
82. Miss N. K. Pierce,
83. L. W. Whitted,
84. J. M. Copeland,
85. G. W. Gibbs,
86. W. R. Shaw,
87. Miss C. Bellamy,
88. R. I. Porch,
89. J. W. Brewer,
90. Miss Eliza Hines,
91. Miss Eliza. Debroe,
92. Miss E. A. Hopkins,
93. L. Odem, Jr.,
94. W. H. Whitaker,
95. R. I. Walden,
96. S. T. Stattine,
97. J. Ricks,
98. C. Bryant,
99. S. Whitley.

The next business being the appointment of the various committees, the chair appointed the following, viz:

On Hours of Meeting—G. C. Caine, M. J. Pitman and J. H. Reynolds.
On Finance—J. H. Young, W. H. Peace and S. M. Jones.
On Resolutions—E. H. Lipscombe, J. A. Whitted and S. P. Humphrey.
On Temperance—F. H. Wilkins, C. Johnson and Miss A S. Conigland.

It was voted that the appointment of other committees be deferred.

One dollar and a half was appropriated for stationery for he use of the Convention.

The committee on Hours of Meeting having returned reported:

We, your committee, beg leave to submit the following:
Meet at 10 o'clock a. m., and adjourn at 12:30 p. m.; meet at 2 p. m., and adjourn at 4:30 p. m.; meet at 7:30 p. m., and adjourn at pleasure.

On motion, the report was adopted.

S. M. Jones of Kinston, and H. E. Davis of Halifax, submitted their annual reports as Auxiliary Committeemen for the counties of Lenoir and Halifax. which, on motion, were adopted.

The hour having arrived, the Convention adjourned with singing by the choir and prayer by F. H. Wilkins.

Afternoon Session.

Met as agreed. Prayer by C. Johnson.

Proceedings of the forenoon session read and approved.

Revs. S. A. Davis, pastor of this church, and A. M. Phillips, of the A. M. E. Z. church, having presented themselves were cordially invited to seats in the Convention.

The following Auxiliary Committeemen submitted their annual reports. which were, on motion, adopted, viz: L. R. Rogers (by proxy), C. Alston, M. G. Pitman, C. W. Battle and A. J. Jones.

J. A. Whitted submitted the Treasurer's annual report, which was, on motion, received and adopted.

On motion, Thursday afternoon was designated as the time to hear essays by the ladies.

Messrs. R. L. Blacknall, I. L. Smith, F. W. Battle, J. T. Scott, J. H. Camper and Hon. D. Wimberly were invited to seats.

Revs. S. A. Davis and A. M. Phillips addressed the Convention.

Adjourned with singing by the choir and prayer by J. Perry.

Evening Session.

At the stated hour the members of the Convention and a large congregation had assembled to hear the Annual Sermon. Sang "All hail the power of Jesus' name," &c. II chap. II Peter having been read, prayer was offered by Rev. M. C. Ransom.

Rev. R. I. Walden having been selected to preach the annual sermon arose and announced as his text, Matt. vi: 10: "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven."

I. The kingdom of God and its character: (a) God is King; (2) He has subjects; (c) He has precepts and commandments by which they are governed; (d) Wickedness of every kind has been expelled from his Kingdom. Rev. xii: 9.

Thus the kingdom abounds with an unbroken tide of peace, but it was after the battle was fought.

II. We are taught to pray for that kingdom to come.

III. Thy will be done. How to be done?

IV, By God's subjects on earth.

V. They are to fight the Lord's battle on earth until His kingdom comes.

VI. The Jews had to fight for the promised land.

The sermon was ably argued, and replete with interest.

While singing the closing hymn the congregation gave a collection of $5.81.

Benediction by the pastor, S. A. Davis.

SECOND DAY—FORENOON SESSION.

Met on time. Singing by the choir and devotional exercises by Rev. J. Perry.

The roll was called, and proceedings of the previous afternoon and evening sessions were read and approved.

The following were appointed a committee on Time and Place of next sitting of the Convention, viz: M. C. Ransom. J. Perry, J. S. Lea, A. P. Eaton and C. Alston.

The following Auxiliary Committeemen submitted their annual reports, viz: Geo. H. Porter, for Edgecombe

A. J. Walker, for New Hanover county; W. W. Watson, for Nash county; W. H. Haithcock, for Northampton co.

J. T. Reynolds made some remarks relative to his appointing G. L. Buffaloe and G. J. Scott Auxiliary Committeemen to labor in the county of Halifax.

The committee on Time and Place reported as follows:

We, your committee beg leave to submit the following: Time of next meeting of this Convention, 10 o'clock a. m., Wednesday before the 3rd Sunday in September, 1881. Place, Franklinton, Franklin county, N. C.

The report was adopted.

The following were appointed a committee to select persons to preach and lecture at the next annual meeting of the Convention, viz: G. C. Caine, J. Stancil, J. S. Lea, W. R. Mason and Miss C. Bellamy.

The following were appointed a standing committee on Periodicals, viz: R. I. Walden, J. Perry, J. H. Young, J. A. Whitted and A. J. Walker.

The Executive Board submitted its annual report which was, on motion, adopted.

Adjourned with singing, and prayer by A. P. Eaton.

Afternoon Session.

Convened as usual. The choir sang and S. M. Jones led in prayer.

Proceedings of forenoon session were read and approved.

The President announced that the time had arrived which had been designated to hear the reading of essays by the ladies of the Convention.

Miss C. Bellamy, of Battleboro, was the first to read. The subject was good and well treated.

Miss Caroline Clark was called, and she read an essay which was pointed and interesting.

Miss E. A. Hopkins next read an essay in a clear and forcible style.

Miss Fannie C. Hannsons was last to read, but by no means was her's the least interesting.

J. S. Lea submitted his annual report for Caswell county as an auxiliary to the Corresponding Secretary, which, on motion, was adopted.

Hon. W. P. Mabson, Mr. R. S. Taylor and others, appearing on the floor and were invited to seats.

A vote of thanks was tendered the ladies who read essays and said essays were referred to the committee on printing for publication or not as they may decide.

R. P. Turner read a letter from Poplar Branch Baptist church, asking assistance in erecting a house of Worship

in Wake county. A communication seeking aid was also read from New Bethel church.

The question arose relative to receiving books, which the Convention in its last session provided for the various schools. This elicited considerable discussion, as several schools claimed to have received no books, papers or tracts.

On motion, the election of officers was entered. The 4th rule of order being suspended the following officers were elected by acclamation. (See second page.)

After singing by the choir, the Convention adjourned with prayer by W. R. Mason.

Evening Session.

President in the chair. The choir sang, and W. R. Tharp offered prayer.

Topics for discussion: 1st, "The work of the Sunday School Convention and its needs," was discussed by the following, each allowed 10 minutes: L. B. Stamper, J. H. Reynolds, E. E. Smith, W. H. Boyd, J. T. Reynolds and G. L. Buffaloe.

The 2d, "Who should attend the Sunday School," was ably discussed by G. W. Gibbs, Thos. Grey and Edward Malone, each being allowed 5 minutes.

The 6th topic, "What is Gospel Temperance, and how can Gospel Bands of Hope be best established?" was discussed by R. I Walden, J. S. Lea and J. H. Young.

The committee on Temperance at this juncture submitted its report. After remarks by E. H. Lipscombe, F. H. Wilkins and Geo. Young, the report was adopted.

The committee to select or recommend persons to preach and lecture at next meeting of the Convention reported, which was received and adopted.

A collection of $3.04 was taken and given to the St. Paul Sabbath School. Adjourned with prayer by J. A. Whitted.

THIRD DAY—FORENOON SESSION.

Re-assembled. Singing by the choir. Devotional exercises by W. R. Mason. The roll was called.

Proceedings of previous afternoon and evening adopted.

A petition from the S. S. at Yanceyville was presented.

An amendment to Art. III of the Constitution was offered, read and adopted.

C. Alston was appointed to investigate the condition of Stoney Lawn Sabbath School of Warren county, and report to the publication committee at the earliest possible time.

Amendments to Arts. IV, VI and IX of the Constitution were offered and adopted.

Resolutions by various persons were adopted. (Appendix.)

The Cor. Sec. submitted his annual report. Adopted.

Adjourned with singing. Prayer by Edward Malone.

Afternoon Session.

The choir sang, "I need thee every hour," and A. P. Eaton offered prayer.

Proceedings of forenoon session read and adopted.

It was voted that 7:30 o'clock to-night be made the special hour to hear from different members of the Convention relative to the work in their respective localities.

On motion, the following were appointed a committee on Obituaries, viz: J. T. Reynolds, Mrs. Wiley and C. Johnson.

The Cor. and Rec. Sec. were allowed $10 each for services.

The Obituary Committee reported. Received and adopted.

The Committee on Finance reported. Report adopted.

Two dollars was ordered to be paid the Sexton.

The choir sang. Prayer by W. R. Shaw. Adjourned.

Evening Session.

Met as agreed. Vice President in the chair. The choir sang. F. H. Wilkins led in prayer.

The proceedings of afternoon session read and adopted.

The business of the hour being to hear the work from the different sections of the State, by the delegates, the represented counties were called in order, and some one present each gave an account of the growth and progress of the work. Rev. S. A. Davis addressed the Convention at some length, heartily endorsing the good work. Rev. A. M. Phillips of the A. M. E. Z. church of the city, also by invitation gave some interesting remarks.

The choir sang, "Yield not to temptation." and a collection of $2.09 was raised and given to St. Paul Sunday School.

After remarks by J. A. Whitted and others, the delegates and members of the Convention rose on their feet expressive of their high appreciation of the hospitable entertainment given the Convention.

The business of the Convention having been transacted, the Vice President announced the Convention adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock A. M., on Wednesday before the third Sunday in September, 1881. in the town of Franklinton, Franklin county, N. C.

N. F. ROBERTS, President.

E. E. Smith, *Recording Secretary.*

APPENDIX.

Auxiliary Committee, Resolutions, Reports, &c.

AUXILIARY COMMITTEE.

DUPLIN COUNTY.—T. D. Hill, Mt. Olive; A. J. Stanford, Warsaw; A. R. Middleton, Kenansville.
EDGECOMBE—M. G. Pitman, L. W. Whitted, Miss A. J. Pitman, Tarboro.
WAKE—L. R. Rogers, Rolesville; A. W. Crenshaw, Wake Forest; P. R. Turner, Holly Springs; R A. Bufialoe, Raleigh.
NEW HANOVER—H. Reid, W. P. Evans, A. J. Walker, Wilmington.
JOHNSTON—L. T. Mial, Miss Sallie Blake, Clayton; M. J. Mitchell, Smithfield.
NORTHAMPTON—J. Stancil, N. S. Martin, Margarettsville, W. H. Haithcock Garysburg.
WASHINGTON—A. Hicks, Plymouth. MARTIN—A. P. Butler, Jamesville.
GRANVILLE—A. P. Eaton, Henderson; Miss C. L. Young, Oxford.
LENOIR—S. M. Jones, Kinston. HERTFORD—W. D. Newsom, Winton.
BERTIE—W .H. Outlaw, Winton. ANSON—R. Liles, Lilesville.
NASH—Miss C. Bellamy, Henry Drake, Battleboro; J. H. Reynolds, Rocky Mount; M. T. Arrington, Hilliardston.
SAMPSON—S. S. Stephens, G. W. Moore, Rufus Moore, Faison.
WARREN—M. F. Thornton, D. J. Ward, Warrenton.
HALIFAX—Cary Alston, Sunny Side; Geo. E. Foreman, C. C. Baker, Scotland Neck; H. E. Davis, Halifax; G. L. Buffaloe, Heathsville; G. W. Gibbs, Enfield.
RICHMOND—S. W. Dockery, Rockingham.
COLUMBUS—J. C. Floyd, Flemington. CHOWAN—R. M. Lea, Edenton.
FRANKLIN—J. A. Fuller, Franklinton; J. Perry, Louisburg; Thomas Jones, Youngsville.
PENDER—S. Beene, H. J. Dorsett, Long Creek.
ORANGE—Jas. Wilch, Hillsboro, W. W. Moore, S. H. McCowan, Durham.
WAYNE—A. J. Jones. J W. Dew, Goldsboro; Giles W. Winn, Mt. Olive.
CASWELL—J. S. Henderson, Milton; A. G. Graves, Miss S. Bigelow Yancyville.
CRAVEN—Miss E. Abbott, L. H. Smith, Newberne
GATES—A. Reid, Gatesville. WILSON—Jesse Price, Wilson.
PERQUIMANS—W. A. Falkner, Hertford.
PASQUOTANK—F. Simmons, R. Turner, Elizabeth City.
CHATHAM—L. Hackney.
PITT—S. P. Humphrey, C. Forbes, Thomas Mayo, C. H. Bernard, Greenville.

DUTIES OF THE ABOVE COMMITTEE.

The above committee is to hold correspondence with each Sabbath School Superintendent in their respective counties, and see that Sabbath School Institutes are held as often as practicable, and thoroughly canvass their counties and interest the people in the Sunday School work. It is to seek the establishment of new schools where they are needed, and the improvement of such as are already in existence. It is also to attend to the statistics of the schools, and furnish them to the Recording Secretary of the Convention, so that they may be published in the Minutes. In all these organizations the State S. S. Missionary should be counseled and consulted, and at every possible point his services should be secured. It is to keep a record of all its writings, &c., and report the same at the next meeting of the Convention.

REPORTS OF AUXILIARY COMMITTEES.

HALIFAX COUNTY:

Dear Brethren: I have visited nearly every Sabbath School in this section. They are prospering. During the year ending September, 1880, have travelled 590 miles, delivered 25 lectures, held 4 institutes, and organized one new Sunday School. The future looks bright. There is work to do, let us do it. CARY ALSTON.

NEW HANOVER COUNTY:

Dear Brethren—I have labored very hard for the upbuilding of the Sunday School Convention and the Sunday School work generally. No.

of schools organized 3, number of schools revived 3, number lectures delivered 17, number miles travelled 187. In my travels I find that the "harvest truly is great but the laborers are few."

Fraternally submitted, A. J. WALKER.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY:

Dear Brethren—I have been laboring faithfully in the cause. Have travelled 370 miles, lectures delivered 20, new schools organized 4. The work is prospering. Fraternally, JACOB STANCELL.

WAYNE COUNTY:

Dear Brethren—I cannot make as full a report as I would like, as I have been a hireling during the year, making my chance for travelling difficult. Schools organized (Union) 1, travelled miles 70, lectures delivered 12. Fraternally, JOHN DEW.

HALIFAX COUNTY:

Dear Friends—During year ending September 1st, 1880, have organized 3 schools, held 2 institutes, delivered 4 lectures, 10 addresses, and travelled 75 miles. G. L. BUFFALOE.

Dear Brethren—I have, during the current year, travelled 45 miles, delivered 25 lectures, held 3 institutes, visited 6 Sunday Schools, and 4 institutes, re-organized one. Our people are becoming interested.

Fraternally, G. J. SCOTT.

Dear Brethren—Being one of the Auxiliary Committee for Wake county, I beg leave to submit the following report: Since last September I have organized 1 Sunday School, delivered 15 addresses, held 3 institutes, and travelled 80 miles. I have canvassed the northeastern part of Wake county thoroughly, and have found the Sunday Schools generally alive and in a prosperous condition. I cannot meet you in the ninth annual session of the Convention, but pray that God may bless you in your efforts. Yours in Christ,

L. R. ROGERS, Rolesville, Wake co., N. C.

FROM EDGECOMBE:

Dear Friends—During the year now closing, I have organized 4 Sunday Schools, made 18 Sunday School addresses, and travelled 124 miles. The schools in this county are prosperous. Old and young are alive to the work. I received and distributed books sent by the Convention.

C. W. BATTLE.

FROM WARREN COUNTY:

Dear Brethren—During the conventional year much interest has been manifested in this part in the Sunday School department of Christian work. Many from our various Sunday Schools have professed a hope in Christ. Much has been done, and yet there is a great work to be accomplished. I have organized 4 Sunday Schools and held 4 institutes. In 3 of the institutes I was assisted by Rev. A. Shepard, our Sunday School missionary. Yours in the work,

M. F. THORNTON, Aux. Com. for Warren co.

SAMPSON COUNTY:

Dear Brethren—We have organized 4 new Sunday Schools, delivered 31 lectures, preached 7 sermons, and otherwise labored to further the Sunday School work. Fraternally, S. S. STEVENS,

Rev. THOS. THOMPSON.

Dear Brethren—It is with heartfelt gladness that I report unusual progress in the Sunday School work in the county of Caswell. Still it would

be erroneous to claim that there is not room for greater improvement. The condition and progress of the work during the year may be seen in the following report: Number of schools organized 1, number restored 3, number of miles travelled 107, number of families visited 15, amount brought to Convention, $3.75.

Fraternally, J. S. LEA, Aux. Cor. Sec. Caswell co.

FROM EDGECOMBE COUNTY:

Dear Brethren—During the Conventional year I have corresponded with many of the Sunday School Superintendents of this vicinity, and find the schools all in a state of prosperity. I have distributed 125 papers at my own expense; also have distributed 65 tracts received from Rev. A. Shepard. I have delivered three Sunday School lectures.

Yours, &c., M. G. PITTMAN, Aux. Com. for Edgecombe co.

FROM NASH COUNTY:

Dear Brethren—Laboring under many disadvantages, I occupied the time the best way I could. Number of lectures delivered 6, number of visits made 5, number of miles travelled 64, money collected $3.00, and the same was returned to the school. Yours respectfully,

W. W. WATSON, Aux. Com. for Nash co.

FROM LENOIR COUNTY:

Dear Brethren—I am pleased to say that the Sabbath Schools in my county are increasing rapidly. There have been three schools organized since the last Convention. The people are more awakened in the Sunday School work. Yours in Christ, S. M. JONES.

FROM WAYNE COUNTY:

Dear Brethren—Your Auxiliary Committeeman has travelled 46 miles in the county of Wayne, and delivered 8 lectures. The people seem much aroused in the work before us. Long may this work countinue.

Yours, A. J. JONES.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY:

Dear Brethren—During the year I have delivered 5 lectures, organized 1 Sunday School, and otherwise have labored in the good cause.

Fraternally, W. H. HAITHCOCK.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We, your committee, beg leave to submit the following report: We held a meeting in March last and appointed Auxiliary Corresponding Secretaries in those counties where we have no member of Auxiliary Committee, and where we knew suitable persons for that position, as follows:

J. S. Lea,	Yanceyville,	Caswell.
Spencer Thomas,	Company Shops,	Alamance.
Rev. A. A. Powell,	Greensboro,	Guilford.
C. S. Brown,	Salisbury,	Rowan.
T. B. Edwards,	Hillsboro,	Orange.
Rev. E. Eagles,	Charlotte,	Mecklenburg.
S. W. Dockery,	Rockingham,	Richmond.
C. R. Baldwin	Whiteville,	Columbus.
Miss C. B. Davis,	Beaufort,	Carteret.
Charles Russell,	Mocksville,	Davie.

We further appointed C. Johnson to superintend the distribution of books and papers appropriated by the Convention to the various schools. It was further agreed that any member of the committee was authorized

to engage as a missionary in the Sunday School work, and report the same to the Sunday School Convention.

Respectfully submitted, N. F. ROBERTS,
J. T. REYNOLDS, Sec. *Ex officio* President.

REPORT OF J. T. REYNOLDS, COR. SEC.

Dear Brethren—Your Corresponding Secretary during the year ending September 17th, 1880, conferred with all the Missionary Baptist Sunday Schools within his knowledge in the State, and obtained information to this effect: 134 schools, 9,719 scholars, 640 teachers. The names of these schools, superintendents, secretaries, and their post office address are herewith subjoined.

The Sunday School Union of Caswell, represented by Bro. J. S. Lea, submitted a condensed statistical table, and a list of its officers and missionaries is hereto annexed. He also offered the following amendment, which was adopted.

Be it ordained, That Article 4th, line 3d of the Constitution be amended by inserting after the words thereof, "Exceeding twenty-five."

REPORT CASWELL S. S. UNION.

Dear Brethren—In order to advance more rapidly and earnestly the Sunday School cause in our county, we have organized ourselves into a Union. We held our first annual session with the Sunday School at Leachburg, July 10th, 1880. The session was indeed a profitable one, and the grand results will doubtless awaken a greater interest in the work. Your Corresponding Secretary for Caswell county has been doing a noble work among us. We send him as a delegate to your Convention. This being our first representation in Convention, it is hoped all seeming deficiencies will be overlooked. We send the amount necessary to represent us.

J. S. LEA, Sec. NAT. WOOTEN, Pres't Union.

RESOLUTIONS.

We, your committee on Resolutions, having conferred and agreed, beg leave to express ourselves as settled upon the following resolutions:

1st. That this Convention being peculiarly the instrument of the Baptists of North Carolina, ought to receive their constant and undivided support.

2d. That we recommend to the Baptist ministry, as a clear part of their duty, the encouragement of the Sabbath Schools connected with their churches, and that they take some pains to have Sabbath Schools established in connection with their churches, where in connection with the same there are no Sabbath Schools.

Respectfully submitted.

E. H. LIPSCOMBE,
J. A. WHITTED,
S. P. HUMPHREY,
Committee.

Resolved, That the Convention have printed 1500 copies of minutes, to be distributed among the various schools represented in the Convention and for other purposes. T. J. HICKS.

WHEREAS, Good singing adds so much interest to a Sabbath School, be it

Resolved, That every Sabbath School be recommended to have a good choir and practice singing regularly. A. W. CRENSHAW.

Resolved, That whatever amount is collected Friday evening from delegates and others, be donated by the Convention to the Baptist Sunday School of Tarboro. A. W. CRENSHAW.

Resolved, That we recommend to superintendents, teachers, and all connected with and interested in the Sabbath School, to call to their assistance the following aids: 1st. Prayer; 2d. Love; 3d. Sunday School papers for the young; 4th. Object teaching; 5th. Visiting the heads of families and impressing them with the necessity of sending their children to the Sunday School. THOS. GREY.

WHEREAS, There are many old persons attending Sunday School who cannot read the Bible.

Resolved, That the superintendent of each school, or some one designated by him, give an exposition of the lesson each Sabbath, or as often as possible. W. H. PEACE.

WHEREAS, The various railroads gave the members of this Convention reduced fare,

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be tendered the same for their consideration in this respect. W. R. SHAW.

WHEREAS, The AFRICAN EXPOSITOR, published monthly at Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C., and edited by Rev. H. M. Tupper, A. M., Profs. N. F. Roberts and E. H. Lipscomb, is so strongly devoted to the Baptist cause; be it

Resolved, That it shall be the Organ of this Convention, and it is hereby recommended to the Baptist churches and Baptist Sabbath Schools of the State. M. G. PITTMAN.

WHEREAS, The people in the extreme west seem not to be interested in the work of this Convention,

Resolved, That Elder A. Shepard be requested to organize a Sunday School Institute at Salisbury, or at any suitable place west of Greensboro for the benefit of ministers, Sunday School superintendents and teachers.

2. That said institute be organized before the next session of this Convention. F. H. WILKINS.

WHEREAS, Much dissatisfaction existed regarding the manner of purchasing books last year,

Resolved, That after paying for all necessary expenses, the balance of cash on hand remain with the treasurer until the next session in 1881.
JAMES M. COPELAND.

WHEREAS, The delegates and members of this Convention have been so cordially received and entertained in Tarboro; therefore be it

Resolved, That we tender our heartfelt thanks to the members of this school and church, to the members of the other schools and churches, and to the whole people of Tarboro for the kind reception and hospitable treatment given us during the sitting of the present session of the Convention. B. C. CARR.

Believing that the International Lesson Papers to be the best helps that can be obtained to learn the Scriptures,

Resolved, That we recommend to every Sunday School their use as being the best aid to interest scholars in studying the Bible.
M. C. RANSOM.

Resolved, That the collection which may be taken to-night, shall be appropriated to the benefit of the St. Paul Missionary Baptist Sunday School. WM. H. HARRISON.

AMENDMENTS.

Be it resolved, and it is hereby ordained, That Article IX of the Constitution be amended so as to read as follows:

It shall be the duty of the State Corresponding Secretary to appoint, with the assistance of the various Auxiliary Committees and all other obtainable aid, the different county Corresponding Secretaries, and to direct and supervise the work of said County Corresponding Secretaries according to his own discretion. It shall also be his duty to correspond either directly or through his subordinates.

Article III amended to read as follows:

It shall be composed of all its officers, life members, annual members and delegates. No one shall be an officer of this Convention unless he be at his election a member in good standing in some Missionary Baptist church. Any such person may become a life member of this Convention by paying five dollars at one payment. An annual member by paying one dollar. No person shall be a delegate to this Convention who is not, at his election, a member of some regular Missionary Sunday School.

That Art. VI of Constitution be amended so as to read as follows:

The officers of this Convention shall be a President, Vice-President, a Recording and a Corresponding Secretary for the State, a Treasurer, an Executive Board of seven members, and a Corresponding Secretary in each county where there are Missionary Baptist interests. All of whom, except the County Corresponding Secretaries, shall be elected annually by the Convention.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

We, your committee appointed on Finance, beg leave to submit the following report:

Amount received from representation of schools,	$ 156 36
" " general collection 15th instant,	5 81
Total,	$ 162 17

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. YOUNG,
W. H. PEACE,
S. M. JONES,
Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To cash on hand September, 1879,	$ 56 17	
To cash sent to Convention,	168 22	
		$224 39
By R. I. Walden, for missionary work,	$ 20 00	
" Recording Secretary,	10 00	
" Corresponding Secretary,	10 00	
" Postage,	2 50	
" Stationery,	1 00	
" Sexton,	2 00	
" Messenger for Convention,	1 50	
" President,	3 00	
" Printing Minutes,	64 00	
" Postage on minutes,	13 50	

Printing blanks,	5 00	
Postage on blanks,	2 00	
		$134 50
		$ 89 89
Books for schools represented,	$94 67	
Postage on same,	15 00	
Discount of 20 per cent,	20 82	
		88 85
Cash on hand,		$ 1 04

A. SHEPARD, Treasurer.

OBITUARY.

WHEREAS, In the wisdom of Providence, W. E. Frances, an active member of the Auxiliary Committee for Halifax county, aged 25 years, departed this life on the 7th of February, 1880; therefore be it

Resolved, That the condolence of this Convention be and hereby is offered the family of the deceased.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. REYEOLDS,
MRS. B. WYLIE,
C. JOHNSON,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SELECTION OF MINISTERS AND LECTURES FOR NEXT SESSION OF THIS CONVENTION.

We, your committee on Selection, beg leave to report:

Introductory—Rev. W. R. Mason; alternate, Rev. W. R. Shaw.

Temperance—Rev. R. I. Walden; alternate, Rev. A. P. Eaton.

Education—Rev. H. C. Crosby; alternate, N. F. Roberts.

Lecture upon S. S. Work in General—Prof. E. H. Lipscomb; associate, J. S. Lea.

W. R. MASON,
G. C. CAIN,
ISAIAH STANCELL,
MISS C. WILLIAMS,
J. S. LEA.
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

WHEREAS, The use of strong drink and tobacco is a great evil working the destruction of the money, property, character, happiness, and even the lives of our people, old and young,

Resolved, That every minister and superintendent, teachers and scholar be requested to unite in organizing Bands of Hope throughout the bounds of this Convention.

FRED. H. WILKINS,
C. JOHNSON,
A. L. CONIGLAND,
Committee.

Extracts from Letters to the Convention.

FROM GARYSBURG—Dear Brethren: We are happy to say our school has been "Ever green" this year. We hope the missionary brother Shepard will visit us again. J. H. PEARSON.

FROM HEATHSVILLE—Dear Brethren: Pleasant Hill Sunday School is flourishing. The moral and religious advancement are encouraging. Many from our Sabbath School have been converted and added to the church during the year now closing. G. W. BUFFALOE.

FROM EARTHLAND GATH—Dear Brethren: The people in our neighborhood are becoming more and more anxious to learn of God's word. Both old and young attend school. GASTON LANE.

FROM ENFIELD—Dear Brethren: Our school, though small at psesent, is not at all discouraged. MISS AMY BRANCH.

FROM BATTLEBORO—Dear Brethren: We have been hard at work to arouse a Sunday School spirit in this section. R. A. SOLOMON.

FROM SCOTLAND NECK—Dear Brethren: Our Sunday School is in a prosperous condition. Several of our scholars have professed a hope in Christ. Miss L. James and Miss E. Devereux are earnest in the work. GEORGE M. JAMES.

FROM MARGARETTSVILLE—Dear Brethren: Our Sabbath School has a Temperance Band of Hope connected with it. Our pastor meets the school once a month and gives us much instruction and encouragement. HENRY CROCKER.

FROM GULLY'S MILLS—Dear Brethren: Our school has made much progress during the past year. The young are more moral and temperate when they become impressed with their duty. JERRY PENNY.

FROM PALMYRA—Dear Brethren: We are still working in the Sunday School cause. With many good wishes we greet you. HAYWOOD SPRUILL.

FROM NEWBERN—Dear Brethren: We have enjoyed many blessings since our last Convention. We have received no books. We are increasing greatly. MISS ELIZA ABBOTT.

FROM ROCKINGHAM—Dear Brethren: Our school at Holly Grove has of late many old persons connected with it. Rev. A. Shepard lectured to our people not long since. It had much effect for good. H. J. QUICK.

FROM HALIFAX—Dear Brethren: The Union Baptist Sunday School Scholars are doing all they can to promote the Sunday School cause in this section. Pray for us. J. W. DEMPSEY.

FROM WALLACE—Dear Brethren: We have made much progress during the year. Our school is well attended. JACOB J. MURPHY.

FROM MARTIN GROVE—Dear Brethren: We would be glad if you could send us some books. We are doing all we can to advance the Master's cause. HILLIARD SMITH.

FROM SCOTLAND NECK—Dear Brethren: Bro. G. A. Norwood re-organized our school in July; since then it has been more interesting than ever. JAMES T. CLARK.

FROM PLEASANT HILL—Dear Brethren: Our little Sabbath School is yet alive. Pray that we may be more interesting and useful. GEORGE TURNER.

FROM GREENSBORO—Dear Brethren: Our Sabbath School is prospering nicely; our congregation is doing all it can to enclose our house of worship before winter. J. THOMAS.

FROM CENTREVILLE S. S., ENFIELD—Dear Brethren: We need mission aid. We need books and tracts for the little ones. A. BIRDS.

FROM WELDON—Dear Brethren: Our workers are interested and are trying to take the best steps to advance the Sunday School cause. Much success. JOSEPH WARD.

FROM RINGWOOD—Dear Brethren: Out of eighty scholars, we have had sixty-five converts. We hope to get the last one. Pray for us. FRANK JONES.

FROM WARSAW—Dear Brethren: We are getting along very well, and with the help and continued mercies of the Lord, we intend to prosecute to the utmost of our ability. A. J. STANFORD.

FROM ST. MATTHEWS S. S.—Dear Brethren: We have the work at heart; we are trusting God; we are encouraged and determined to go on in the good work: have had thirty converts. We are endeavoring to make our School a Temperance one. Pray for us. ISAAC HUNTER.